

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	Reduce 2No. trees listed below by approx 3-4m in height, back to suitable growth points. Reduce sides of canopy by up to 1.5-2m to maintain a natural canopy shape where necessary. 1) T1 - Yew - Height 16 Metres, Crown Spread 7 Metres. To Leave Finishing Height of 12 Metres and Crown Spread of 5 Metres 2) T2 - Oak - Height 16 Metres, Crown Spread 8 Metres. To Leave Finishing Height of 12 Metres and Crown Spread of 5 Metres Trees subject to TPO No. 1201.
LOCATION:	17 Billett Avenue, Waterlooville, PO7 7SZ
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00213
APPLICANT:	Coe
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	30/04/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	04/06/2026
WARD:	Waterloo
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

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2. Planning History

3. Proposal

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4. Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features

5. Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

6. Publicity and Community Involvement

This application was publicised in accordance with the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance and the Statement of Community Involvement.

7 Planning Considerations

7.1 Having regard to the relevant policies of the development plan it is considered that the main issues arising from this application are:

Whether the degree of pruning works requested would undermine the amenity value of these trees and whether this could also be harmful to their ongoing health and vitality.

7.2 My inspection related specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail. I visually inspected the tree from ground level and the following report deals with the relevant issues that have been raised on site, in the application form and from my site observations.

7.3 The trees subject to this application are matures oaks backing onto a wooded area. They are very restricted in view offering low public amenity value as such it would be unreasonable to refuse this application. The works applied for are unlikely to impact negatively on the area.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00213

Conditions:

1	<p>The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall not be carried out otherwise than in full accordance with all relevant content of BS 3998 (2010).</p> <p>Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.</p>
2	<p>The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than one year from the date of this decision notice.</p> <p>Reason: To control the timing of the works</p>